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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 08/886,516
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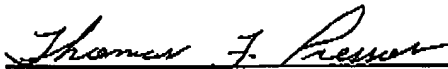
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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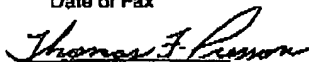
Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 12, 2003, having a
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Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-captioned application as
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